

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of International Midwives Day**

**WHEREAS**, The Hapai Hawai'i Association and Normal Birth Hawai'i, both founded in 2010, are statewide evidence-based, professional organizations of midwives, childbirth educators, doulas and their supporters; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hapai Hawai'i Association and Normal Birth Hawai'i are dedicated to safeguarding the right of every parent to choose where and with whom to give birth, as well as to assuring a safe experience for those who choose a homebirth; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hapai Hawai'i Association and Normal Birth Hawai'i strives to increase communication between midwives, childbirth educators, doulas, hospitals, doctors, nurses and other health care professionals and statewide health-related agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hapai Hawai'i Association and Normal Birth Hawai'i have promoted freedom of evidence-based choices in all situations pertaining to childbirth, choices of care-providers and birthing locations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hapai Hawai'i Association and Normal Birth Hawai'i supports actions, activities and dreams of a healthier Hawai'i for our babies and their families;


**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5, 2011 as**

### **"INTERNATIONAL MIDWIVES DAY"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support The Hapai Hawai'i Association and Normal Birth Hawai'i and the services they provide to our communities.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of May, 2011.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i